



February 3, 2022

VIA EMAIL

[FCcommunications](#) [REDACTED]

Attention: Brad Damphousse and Andrew Ballester
Go Fund Me

Dear Sirs:

RE: Freedom Convoy 2022 Finance Committee Go Fund Me Campaign

Please be advised that the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms ("Justice Centre") has been retained by the Freedom Convoy 2022 Finance Committee (the "Ottawa Convoy"). I have been retained by the Justice Centre as external lead counsel in this matter. We have been provided with the recent inquiries Go Fund Me has emailed to the Ottawa Convoy committee and can advise as follows.

The Ottawa Convoy members who signed the Go Fund Me agreement are:

Tamara Lich, President

Cindy Parker, Secretary

Helen Gazica, Bookkeeper

Kristina Kenyon, Bookkeeper

Noeline Villebrun, First Nations advisor

(the "Committee")

We can advise that on January 30, 2022, Chad Eros, a chartered professional accountant, CPA, to incorporate a federal not-for-profit incorporation under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act under the name of "Freedom 2022 Human Rights and Freedoms" ("Convoy Corp" and "Freedom 2022"). Articles of Incorporation were filed with the federal corporate registry with two provisional directors (see attached).

On January 31, 2022, the provisional directors set up a bank account for Convoy Corp with a financial institution. The financial institution is currently completing its ordinary-course due diligence process with the bank and our client. We anticipate that process will be finalized within the next 24 hours and we will advise accordingly.

We note that the Committee's postings to the Go Fund Me campaign site set out several evolving goals for its fundraising initiative including the following:

Put an end to Covid vaccine mandates.

For future generations.

Cost of fuel first and hopefully food and lodging for this task.

Helping to reshape this once beautiful country.

Your hard earned money is going straight to what it is needed.

Any left over donations will be donated to a credible veterans charity.

Tens of thousands of supporters have shown their confidence in both the Ottawa Convoy organization and Go Fund Me as a reliable donation platform. More than \$10 million has been donated to date.

Everyone has been surprised at the level of support both in terms of trucker participants, convoy supporters, and those making donations. The Ottawa Convoy has been in Ottawa since January 28, 2022 and the need to support the truckers' fuel, food, lodging and protest-related expenses is expected to be prolonged. The truckers have been open with the media that they are not leaving until the government vaccine mandates are lifted.

Go Fund Me's emails make specific inquiries and the Committee has instructed us to provide the following responses:

"Please confirm that funds raised will only go to reimburse the fuel costs of convoy participants:

(1) for their travel to Ottawa (not any other locations or with any other convoys)?"

The funds will be used for reimbursement of fuel, food, lodging and related expenses for the Ottawa Convoy as described in the Go Fund Me posts for the campaign including those expenses that are continuing to be incurred by the Ottawa Convoy in Ottawa.

"(2) who engage in peaceful and lawful protests, i.e., no vandalism of property, no blockades of roads and highways, etc.?"

The truckers and their supporters have the legal right to protest peacefully that is protected by section 2 of Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The Ottawa Convoy has always been clear that it only supports peaceful assembly. Their intention is not to reimburse those committing unlawful or criminal acts.

- Does the prior decision to not reimburse food and shelter expenses still hold?"

We have canvassed the Committee and they advised that they did not make such a decision. The Committee's posts have included requests for donations for food and lodgings.

"- Do you plan on posting an update to the fundraiser to reiterate that protests should remain peaceful, you do not condone any acts or threats of violence and that individuals suspected of engaging in illegal activity during the protests will not be eligible to receive funds?"

The Ottawa Convoy has consistently, repeatedly, and publicly posted that unlawful activity will not be condoned. As has been demonstrated the organizer, participants and supporters believe in peaceful and lawful protest and have always been clear at every opportunity that

unlawful conduct is not condoned. The Ottawa Committee has also been clear that unlawful conduct will undermine the goals.

“- You have requested another transfer of funds:

(1) How much of the initial \$1M of transferred funds has been distributed to participants and to how many participants?”

These Go Fund Me questions were posed to the Committee on February 1, 2022. However, it was not until February 2, 2022, that the funds were received. The intention is to transfer the funds to the Convoy Corp so proper disbursement and accounting is completed.

We have recommended to the Committee that the monies received today be treated by the Committee as trust funds to be transferred to the Freedom 2022 bank account for disbursement in accordance with the posted objects. This will ensure provision of proper bookkeeping, accounting and legal oversight of the disbursement of funds.

“(2) How much are you requesting for this second transfer of funds?”

The Committee is not requesting a further release at this time as the Committee continues to complete the establishment of the banking arrangements for Convoy Corp. The Committee and its accountant anticipate that the process will be completed in the next 24 hours. Once we provide you with confirmation that this has occurred, the Committee requests that the full balance is transferred to the Convoy Corp bank account.

“(3) Has the distribution plan for this second transfer of funds changed at all?”

Please see response above.

“(4) Approximately how many participants do you anticipate this second transfer of funds will cover?”

The truckers in the Ottawa Convoy have been notified a number of times of the Committee’s requirement for participants to register with designated “road captains” and provide receipts in order to be eligible for reimbursement. An assessment of the reimbursement claims would be required to make this estimate.

“(5) Has an organization bank account been set up or are you requesting we transfer the funds to your personal bank account, as we did with the first \$1M?”

See above.

“- Have you begun considering which charitable organization(s) will receive the remaining funds after distribution to participants? Please provide us with their names before announcing publicly as we will first need to verify on our end that they are registered charities in good standing.”

As Go Fund Me can appreciate this impromptu volunteer organization has been extremely busy with the Ottawa Convoy. The Committee has not yet selected the veteran organizations but welcomes Go Fund Me assisting in the due diligence review regarding the selection of those organizations.

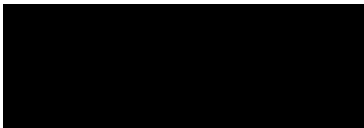
“Lastly, we wanted to let you know that, as is our standard practice in potentially volatile situations like this, we will be reaching out to local law enforcement to obtain information on the individuals suspected of engaging in illegal activity during the protests. We will provide as much information as possible regarding the individuals to you so that you can ensure they do not receive a disbursement of money from your fundraiser. It is very important that funds are only distributed to those who engage in peaceful protesting as our platform cannot be used to fund violence, vandalism or illegal activities. This is against our Terms of Service.”

We welcome your due diligence process and any information you can provide to ensure that anyone who engaged in illegal activities will be disqualified from funding. Participants in the Ottawa Convoy have been law abiding and peaceful.

The Committee and Convoy Corp are committed to transparency and accountability. The Committee recognizes that the current Government of Canada opposes the Ottawa Convoy’s goals and that Go Fund Me has been targeted with complaints and social media attacks. We continue to work with you to ensure accountability.

We trust this information satisfies your inquiries.

We look forward to Go Fund Me immediately lifting the current suspension on this campaign and the timely release of the funds donated by the tens of thousands of supporters of this campaign.



KEITH WILSON, Q.C.
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cc: Client

Attachment



Certificate of Incorporation

Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act

Certificat de constitution

*Loi canadienne sur les organisations à but non
lucratif*

Freedom 2022 Human Rights and Freedoms

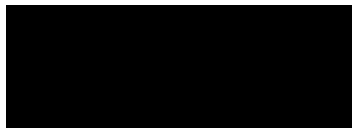
Corporate name / Dénomination de l'organisation

1372685-1

Corporation number / Numéro de
l'organisation

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above-named corporation, the articles of incorporation of which are attached, is incorporated under the *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act*.

JE CERTIFIE que l'organisation susmentionnée, dont les statuts constitutifs sont joints, est constituée en vertu de la *Loi canadienne sur les organisations à but non lucratif*.



Isabelle Foley

Deputy Director / Directeur adjoint

2022-01-30

Date of Incorporation (YYYY-MM-DD)
Date de constitution (AAAA-MM-JJ)



Form 4001
Articles of Incorporation
Canada Not-for-profit Corporations
Act (NFP Act)

Formulaire 4001
Statuts constitutifs
Loi canadienne sur les
organisations à but non lucratif
(Loi BNL)

1	Corporate name Dénomination de l'organisation Freedom 2022 Human Rights and Freedoms
2	The province or territory in Canada where the registered office is situated La province ou le territoire au Canada où est maintenu le siège ON
3	Minimum and maximum number of directors Nombres minimal et maximal d'administrateurs Min. 1 Max. 10
4	Statement of the purpose of the corporation Déclaration d'intention de l'organisation See attached schedule / Voir l'annexe ci-jointe
5	Restrictions on the activities that the corporation may carry on, if any Limites imposées aux activités de l'organisation, le cas échéant None
6	The classes, or regional or other groups, of members that the corporation is authorized to establish Les catégories, groupes régionaux ou autres groupes de membres que l'organisation est autorisée à établir See attached schedule / Voir l'annexe ci-jointe
7	Statement regarding the distribution of property remaining on liquidation Déclaration relative à la répartition du reliquat des biens lors de la liquidation See attached schedule / Voir l'annexe ci-jointe
8	Additional provisions, if any Dispositions supplémentaires, le cas échéant See attached schedule / Voir l'annexe ci-jointe
9	Declaration: I hereby certify that I am an incorporator of the corporation. Déclaration : J'atteste que je suis un fondateur de l'organisation.

Name(s) - Nom(s)

Original Signed by - Original signé par

Chad Eros

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A person who makes, or assists in making, a false or misleading statement is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than six months or to both (subsection 262(2) of the NFP Act).

La personne qui fait une déclaration fausse ou trompeuse, ou qui aide une personne à faire une telle déclaration, commet une infraction et encourt, sur déclaration de culpabilité par procédure sommaire, une amende maximale de 5 000 \$ et un emprisonnement maximal de six mois ou l'une de ces peines (paragraphe 262(2) de la Loi BNL).

You are providing information required by the NFP Act. Note that both the NFP Act and the *Privacy Act* allow this information to be disclosed to the public. It will be stored in personal information bank number IC/PPU-049.

Vous fournissez des renseignements exigés par la Loi BNL. Il est à noter que la Loi BNL et la *Loi sur les renseignements personnels* permettent que de tels renseignements soient divulgués au public. Ils seront stockés dans la banque de renseignements personnels numéro IC/PPU-049.

Schedule / Annexe

Purpose Of Corporation / Déclaration d'intention de l'organisation

Advocacy against government, agents of government and any other organization person or individuals' actions, laws, policies and practices that violate human rights and freedoms paying special attention to creation of class systems through mandates, social credit systems (rewards and punishments for government compliance), passport systems and more.

Schedule / Annexe
Classes of Members / Catégories de membres

The Corporation is authorized to establish one class of members. Each member shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at all meetings of the members of the Corporation.

Schedule / Annexe

Distribution of Property on Liquidation / Répartition du reliquat des biens lors de la liquidation

Any property remaining on liquidation of the Corporation, after discharge of liabilities, shall be distributed to one or more qualified donees within the meaning of subsection 248(1) of the Income Tax Act.

Schedule / Annexe
Additional Provisions / Dispositions supplémentaires

The directors may appoint one or more directors, who shall hold office for a term expiring not later than the close of the next annual general meeting of members, but the total number of directors so appointed may not exceed one-third of the number of directors elected at the previous annual general meeting of members.

If authorized by a by-law which is duly adopted by the directors and confirmed by ordinary resolution of the members, the directors of the corporation may from time to time:

- i. borrow money on the credit of the corporation;
- ii. issue, reissue, sell, pledge or hypothecate debt obligations of the corporation; and
- iii. mortgage, hypothecate, pledge or otherwise create a security interest in all or any property of the corporation, owned or subsequently acquired, to secure any debt obligation of the corporation.



Form 4002
Initial Registered Office Address
and First Board of Directors
Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act
(NFP Act)

Formulaire 4002
Adresse initiale du siège et
premier conseil d'administration
Loi canadienne sur les organisations à
but non lucratif (Loi BNL)

1 Corporate name
Dénomination de l'organisation

Freedom 2022 Human Rights and Freedoms

2 Complete address of the registered office
Adresse complète du siège

Mallorytown ON

3 Additional address
Autre adresse

4 Directors of the corporation
Administrateurs de l'organisation

Chad Eros, Moose Jaw SK
Canada

Chris Garrah, Mallorytown ON
Canada

5 Declaration: I hereby certify that I am an incorporator of the new corporation or that I am a director or an authorized officer of the corporation continuing into or amalgamating under the NFP Act.
Déclaration : J'atteste que je suis un fondateur de la nouvelle organisation ou que je suis un administrateur ou un dirigeant autorisé de l'organisation se prorogeant ou se fusionnant en vertu de la Loi BNL.

Original signed by / Original signé par
Chad Eros

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Corporation Information Sheet

Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act

Fiche de renseignements concernant l'organisation

Loi canadienne sur les organisations à but non lucratif

Freedom 2022 Human Rights and Freedoms

Corporation Number	1372685-1	Numéro d'organisation
Corporation Key Required for changes online	33429841	Clé de société Requise pour mettre les renseignements à jour en ligne
Anniversary Date Required to file annual return	01-30 (mm-dd/mm-jj)	Date anniversaire Requise pour le dépôt du rapport annuel
Annual Return Filing Period Starting in 2023	01-30 to/au 03-31 (mm-dd/mm-jj)	Période pour déposer le rapport annuel Débutant en 2023

Corporation Number

Corporations Canada assigns corporation numbers to identify individual corporations. You need your corporation number to carry out transactions on the Online Filing Centre. Also use it in all correspondence with us.

Corporation Key

Your corporation key is, in fact, a password. It allows you to carry out online transactions that do not require a fee. Do not share your corporation key with any unauthorized person.

Annual return filing period

Every year, you must file an annual return with Corporations Canada between 01-30(mm-dd) and 03-31(mm-dd).

The annual return is not your income tax return; it is a corporate law requirement.

Numéro d'organisation

Corporations Canada assigne des numéros d'organisation pour identifier chaque organisation. Vous avez besoin de votre numéro d'organisation pour effectuer des transactions par l'entremise de Centre de dépôt en ligne. Utilisez-le aussi dans toute correspondance avec nous.

Clé de société

Votre clé de société est en fait un mot de passe. Elle vous permet d'effectuer des transactions en ligne qui n'exige aucuns frais. Ne partagez pas votre clé avec une personne non autorisée.

Période de dépôt du rapport annuel

Chaque année, vous devez déposer un rapport annuel avec Corporations Canada entre 01-30(mm-jj) et 03-31(mm-jj).

Le rapport annuel n'est pas de votre déclaration d'impôt; il s'agit d'une exigence de la loi corporative.